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During call on Murphy January 15 Alphand left copy of following revised text of French suggested alternative language to paragraph D reported reference telegram:

QUOTE 1. The three Governments affirm their determination to maintain by all means of their choice their rights to free access to Berlin whether by land or air and with regard either to Soviet authorities or to East German authorities.

This determination will be brought in general terms to the attention of the Soviet Government by means to be decided in common.

2. The authorities concerned are forthwith instructed to consider the various contingencies and the practical measures to be taken.

3. Decisions

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3. Decisions to implement the principles set forth in paragraph 1 above will be taken by common accord at the appropriate time, taking into account all the circumstances. UNQUOTE.

Murphy said we would have to study French formulation but that it did not seem to meet our specific point that there should be advance determination to prosecute our right of land access to Berlin. Alphand noted that British had already indicated that they accepted French amendments to text incorporated above.

Done. C. C.

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